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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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232 Ogden Avenue - Jersey City, N.J. 07307 - (201) 798-0493

RNA IS NOT AFFILIATED WITH ANY POLITICAL PARTY, ORGANIZATION OR ELECTED OFFICIAL

UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL RNA ELECTIONS

It's time once again to elect new officers for RNA. The nominations for Chair, Vice-chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Sgt.-at-Arms for the 1996 -1997 term will be opened at the February 13th meeting. The nominations will remain open until the March 12th meeting - at which time they will be closed and the election voting will take place.

To be eligible to vote and hold office, you must have paid your annual 1996 dues and live within the constitutional boundaries of the Association. The boundaries are Ogden and Palisade Avenues from Cuneo Place to Congress Street.

We ask everyone to participate in this annual neighborhood activity. It is important for all residents to have a voice in decisions made in their own community.

RNA'S ANNUAL SPRING FLEA MARKET

RNA will soon start planning for our Twelfth Annual Spring Flea Market. At the Feb. 13th meeting, we will be organizing the steering committee for this event. Volunteers and fresh new ideas are needed to help make this year's event a great success. This flea market serves as a fundraiser for RNA's many activities, including the publication of this newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Most people do not realize that a neighborhood association requires active participation of its members. Part of that participation is the annual membership dues of $5 per person. This is not a lot of money when you consider that it entitles you to nine issues of our newsletter, and if you live within the boundries, voting priviledges in RNA. Please support your community by paying your dues at the next meeting, or sending a check, payable to RNA, to 232 Ogden Avenue. (Any paid member who has not received their newsletters or a membership card, please contact Jack Rea.)

The Executive Committee

RNA needs VOLUNTEERS & GARDENERS for our COMMUNITY GARDENS in RIVERVIEW-FISK PARK!
If Interested - PLEASE CONTACT GREG at 792-6390

ASK THE MAYOR

Bret Schundler, the Mayor of Jersey City will be our only guest speaker at RNA's February 13th meeting. Now is the time to let Mayor Bret know what you think! It's your opportunity to tell him about those vacant and abandoned buildings on your block. Tell him abou the drug dealers and other undesirable people that are hanging around your neighborhood.

Ask him why there is not more of a police presence, either the walking officers or the cruising patrolcars - any time of the day or night. Why there are not more drug arrests, especially since it is crystal clear that the local drug business is booming? Why there are not more tickets given to cars that are double-parked, illegally parked or blocking driveways?

Let him know you're not happy with the dirty streets, the garbage build-up on some of your neighbors' properties or the lack of sanitation enforcement by the City's inspectors. Tell him how frustrated you are that there is no enforcement of the building code in the area. That vacant buildings are constantly being broken into and used by trespassers. Ask him where the animal control inspectors are to regulate the pit bulls and their owners?

Educate him about the reality of living on Palisade Avenue, or walking on Franklin Street or spending time in Riverview-Fisk Park.

The Mayor will come and tell us about his own agenda of projects. But, it's the perfect opportunity for you to come with your own list of items that he should know about.

COMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY 13TH MEETING:

Guest Speaker:

Mayor Bret Schundler

Come and tell the mayor what you really think about our neighborhood and our City

SPECIAL TIME: MEETING BEINGS AT 7:00 PM SHARP

LOCATION: THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

[As RNA starts its incorporation process, we are printing the already-ratified RNA Constitution and the proposed Certificate of Incorporation. Both documents are being published to allow public comment before they are voted on at the March 12th meeting. The proposed changes to the Constitution are printed in italics.]

THE CONSTITUTION
of the
Riverview Neighborhood Association, Inc.
A Completely Charitable Corporation

232 Ogden Avenue
Jersey City, N.J. 07307
(201) 798-0493

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the **Riverview Neighborhood Association, Inc.** ("RNA").

ARTICLE II. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Riverview Neighborhood Association is to improve the quality of life in the Jersey City Heights community defined herein, by renewing pride and promoting community awareness, and by revitalizing property values through the efforts of local residents, home, business and property owners and tenants and acting in concert with other neighborhood associations, the local business community and local government.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERS

Section One. Qualifications.

To become a member of the Riverview Neighborhood Association, the person must:

(a) reside or own a business or residential property within the following geographical boundaries:

1. North: Congress Street
2. South: Ravine Road
3. East: Paterson Plank Road
4. West: Palisade Avenue,

(b) be eighteen years of age or older,

(c) pay the annual membership fee, and

(d) sign the membership list,entering their name and address.

Admission to membership shall not be denied for arbitrary or unreasonable purposes.

All members in good standing (i.e., who have paid their annual membership fee and have signed the membership list) are eligible to vote. A list of members eligible to vote shall be reviewed at the monthly general meetings, as necessary. Additions or corrections to such list may be submitted.

Section 2. Classes.

Non residents or non-owners of business or residential properties may attend all general meetings as observers. They have no voting rights.

In addition, honorary membership in the organization may be conferred on selected individuals for periods of time at the discretion of the organization. The membership fee in such instances shall be waived. Honorary members shall not be accorded the right to vote, *but, for the purposes of this Section, shall include persons living outside the geographical boundaries of the organization.*

Section 3. Voting Rights.

Each listed members shall be entitled to one vote in the election of officers held at the annual meeting and on each matter submitted for a vote by the membership, except as otherwise provided for within this Constitution.

Section 4. Transfer of membership. Membership in RNA is not transferable or assignable to any other person, group, or entity.

Section 5. Termination.

If a member moves out of the geographical area, or sells their property or business, membership in the organization is terminated.

A member may be suspended or expelled for cause, only after:

(a) an appropriate hearing and

(b) an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members present.

ARTICLE IV. MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

Section 1. General Meetings.

General meetings of RNA shall be held monthly. *During the months of July and August, monthly meetings may be suspended by an affirmative vote of the present membership.*

Section 2. Annual Meeting.

An annual meeting of the membership shall be held each year. The officers will be elected at the annual meeting.

Section 3. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the membership may be called by the Executive Committee or upon the request of not fewer than 15% of the membership of RNA. Special meetings shall not be spurious or frivolous in nature or substance and should be called for matters of extreme urgency that cannot be postponed until the next regular meeting. Business discussed at special meetings shall be limited to the matter for which the meeting is called.

Section 4. Place of Meetings.

The Executive Committee may designate any place within the geographic boundaries of the RNA as the place for the monthly meetings or fro any special meetings,*which is accessible to all members.*

Section 5. Notice of Special Meetings.

For special meetings, notice to each member shall be given by telephone, by mail, or by the RNA newsletter, stating the place, day, and hour of any meeting, not less than 48 hours before the date of such meeting. Such notice shall be sent at the direction of the Chairperson, or the Secretary, or the officers or persons calling the meeting. The purpose for said meeting shall be included with the notice.

Section 6. Quorum.

Twenty-five percent (25%) of the membership (the total number of members being defined by the current membership list) shall constitute a quorum necessary for the determination by vote of motions duly made and seconded.

Section 7. Voting.

The act of a majority (50% plus 1) of the membership present at a meeting at which a quorum (defined above) is present shall be an act of the RNA, *except where otherwise provided herein.*

Votes passed by a majority of a quorum of members shall be irrevocable, and shall be a matter of public record. All votes shall be recorded accurately in the minutes of the membership meetings.

Voting must be done in person, by the member. There shall be no voting by proxy, mail, or by substitute representative.

Section 8. Conduct.

All membership meetings and executive meetings shall be governed by *the parliamentary procedure of the latest revised edition* of Robert's Rules of Order, except where otherwise provided herein.

Meetings shall be conducted using the following suggested general agenda: (a) Opening of meeting, (b) announcements, (c) reading of minutes, (d) committee reports (to run concurrently with old and new business), (e) 50/50 raffle, and (f) close of meetings. Modifications of the agenda may be made by the Executive Committee at its discretion, to facilitate scheduling of guest speakers, etc.

When there is a disagreement over either substance, procedure or behavior, both officers and members will address each other with respect.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

Section 1. Number.

The number of executive officers ("officers") shall be five, all of which shall reside within the boundaries of the RNA. There shall be one *chairperson*, one vice-chair, one secretary, one treasurer *and one sergeant-at-arms.*

Section 2. Term of Office, Election, and Qualifications.

Each officer shall serve concurrently for a one-year term from the date of election. Thereafter, all officers shall be eligible for re-election. Each officer shall hold office until the end their successor shall be elected and qualified.

Officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the membership by a majority vote of the quorum of members present and voting. Nominations and qualifications shall be submitted orally at a regular meeting prior to the annual meeting. Nominations shall also be permitted form the floor at the annual meeting, but not by proxy from the floor.

Officers must be members of the organization. No officer may hold more than one office at one time.

Section 3. Removal of Officers (Impeachment).

Any officer may be removed from office for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the total membership. Cause shall be determined by, but not limited to, three consecutive unexcused absences, or such other cause as may be construed by the membership as an abuse of the responsibilities which the officer has been elected to fulfill, such as a proven conflict of interest.

Notice of such proceedings of impeachment shall have been given at least one month prior to the vote to determine cause and effectuate removal, by publication in the RNA newsletter, and shall not be voted upon until one month following such publication.

At an appropriate hearing, the accused officer must be given a reasonable chance to respond to any charges or criticisms. If the membership does not vote in favor of removal, the officer shall immediately resume their full duties as a officer.

Section 4. Vacancies.

Any vacancy occurring on the executive committee shall be filled by the executive committee, until the next regular meeting of the RNA. At such time, officers shall be elected by the membership to fill a vacancy and shall serve for the unexpired term of their predecessor in office.

Section 5. Conflict of Interest.

Any duality of interest or possible conflict of interest on the part of any officer shall be disclosed to the executive committee and made a matter of record. Any officer having such duality or conflict of interest shall not vote or use their influence on the matter in question and shall not be counted in determining a quorum for said matter. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect such disclosure, abstention from voting, and the quorum situation. The foregoing shall not be construed to prevent an officer from briefly stating their position in the matter, nor from answering pertinent questions from other officers. Any new officer will be advised of this policy upon becoming an officer.

ARTICLE VI. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. Chairperson.

The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the executive committee, and at all meetings of the membership. This officer shall be an ex officio member of all standing committees, and shall in general, supervise and manage all of the business and affairs of the RNA, subject to the control of the executive committee. Such officer shall have the power, when so authorized by the executive committee, to sign, with the secretary, or other officer(s) of the RNA, all contracts, checks and instruments of conveyance in the name of the RNA and to appoint and discharge agents and sub-contractors subject to the approval of the executive committee. Such person shall perform all duties incident to the office of the chairperson. The chairperson shall be responsible for maintaining open communications and good-working relationships with representatives of local government, the Heights community and the membership of the RNA.

Section 2. Vice-Chair.

The vice-chair shall, in the absence of the chairperson, or in the event of their inability to act,

perform all of the duties and exercise all of the powers of the chair, subject to the same restrictions. The vice-chair shall have all powers and perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the chair or as prescribed by the executive committee.

Section 3. Secretary.

The secretary shall keep the permanent minutes of the meetings of the executive committee and membership, see that all notifications are duly made in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, keep a list of the name and address of each member, and, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary as from time to time may be assigned to them by the chair or the executive committee.

Section 4. Treasurer.

The treasurer shall have charge and custody of monetary assets of the RNA; receive and give receipts for monies due and payable to the RNA, in such bank, trust companies or other depositories as shall be selected by the executive committee, and in general perform all duties as from time to time may be assigned to them by the chair or by the executive committee. The treasurer shall prepare regular monthly reports showing income and expenses, to be presented to the membership for approval at the regular monthly meetings of the membership. (Such reports may be given orally, using written notes, if so desired.)

Section 5. Sergeant-at-arms.

The sergeant-at-arms shall be responsible for maintaining order and proper decorum at all meetings of the RNA, and in general, perform all duties as from time to time may be assigned to them by the chair or by the executive committee.

ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. Composition.

The executive committee shall consist of the four duly elected officers of the RNA.

Section 2. General Powers.

Except as otherwise provided for in this Constitution, the executive committee shall have full power to administrate the RNA.

Section 3. Quorum & Voting.

The majority of the executive committee shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the executive committee for the transaction of administrative business. An act of the executive committee is carried by the affirmative votes of a minimum of three officers. All votes shall be recorded accurately in the minutes of the meeting.

Section 4. Regular Meetings of the Executive Committee.

There shall be not fewer than six regularly scheduled meetings of the executive committee per year, and such meetings may include committee persons or representatives. Meetings of the executive committee may be called by, ar at the request of, the chairperson or any two officers. The person or persons authorized to call meetings of the executive committee may designate any place within the *geographic boundaries of the* RNA as the place to hold such meeting.

Notice of any meeting of the executive committee shall be given at least twenty-four (24) hours prior thereto, by telephone, by mail, or personally by the RNA secretary or their designee.

Section 5. Confidentiality.

It is the intent of the RNA to conduct its business in open sessions whenever possible. However, in those circumstances where the executive committee is discussing or acting upon any matter which the executive committee feels must be dealt with in a confidential manner (limited to topics which concern the administration of the RNA), the executive committee may close its meeting to members of the RNA who are not officers.

Section 6. Compensation.

The executive officers shall serve without compensation, but reasonable expenses incurred may be reimbursed when expended for and in the interest of the RNA and approved by the executive committee. "Reasonable " herein shall not exceed fifty dollars ($50.00) per month without prior approval of the membership. These expenditures will be included in the treasurer's monthly report.

ARTICLE VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Definition & duties.

The various committees listed in this article shall be for purposes of this Constitution, the standing committees. Standing committees shall remain embodies unless and until the purpose for which the committee has been formed has been fulfilled. Any RNA member may join any standing committee. Each standing committee shall elect, by a majority, a chairperson, who may attend the regular meetings of the executive committee.

Section 2. Community Awareness Committee.

This committee shall be responsible for the publication and mailing of the RNA newsletter, and for circulating information about general community events sponsored by the RNA for the community at large, such as the Annual Spring Clean-up and Flea Market. It shall work in concert with the chairperson of the RNA to arrange for guest speakers from local government and self-help organizations, and from various offices of information and city services.

Section 3. Planning and Development Committee.

This committee shall be responsible for monitoring development and proposed development for the RNA neighborhood, and adjacent areas where developments and proposed developments would affect the RNA neighborhood. Said responsibilities shall include meeting with developers, reviewing plans and proposals, monitoring developers' applications to the Board of Adjustment of Jersey City for variances, monitoring the publication of hearing notices in the local newspapers in order to inform the membership of upcoming hearings on local developments, and conveying the results of RNA votes regarding

developments to the Board of Adjustment, to the Planning Board and to the developers. The committee chairperson of this committee will act as liaison between the RNA and the developers.

The Planning and Development committee will undertake action(s) without general membership approval only when the following conditions are fully met:

(a) there is insufficient time to schedule a special membership meeting, or notification of the content of the committee meeting was given previously at the regularly scheduled membership meeting;

(b) the action taken shall be within guidelines already approved and accepted by the general membership; and

(c) there is the unanimous approval of the executive committee.

Section 4. Traffic Committee.

This committee shall be responsible for monitoring traffic flow situations in and around the RNA neighborhood. It will oversee proposals to change street direction, size, configuration and usage (including parking), and will convey the results of votes by the RNA regarding traffic in the RNA neighborhood and adjacent areas to the authorized agencies overseeing the use of such streets.

Section 5. Crime Committee.

This committee shall be responsible for monitoring crime in the RNA neighborhood. The chairperson of this committee will oversee the administration of the RNA crime watch, and shall attend community liaison meetings with the North District Police Department, which are held once a month, and attend any other meetings pertinent to the crime situation in the RNA neighborhood.

Section 6. Sanitation Committee.

This committee shall be responsible for sanitation-related concerns within the RNA neighborhood. Such concerns include dumping, sewage, street-cleaning, snow-removal, sidewalk repair, proliferation of unscooped dog feces, and arranging for dumpsters to be provided for special events by the Jersey City *Incinerator Authority*. The committee chairperson shall work with city agencies to improve conditions in the RNA neighborhood related to sanitation. The help of the membership at large shall be solicited for such special events as Spring Clean-Up and other outdoor events.

Section 7. Parks Committee.

This committee shall be responsible for the RNA's concern about park land and open space, *especially Riverview-Fisk Park, Janet Moore Park (formerly known as Tumulty Park), and the Palisades Cliffs*. This committee shall work in concert with city agencies, contractors and sub-contractors and other neighborhood associations in the area to procure and oversee the use of funds to improve and maintain parks and open spaces.

Section 8. Other Standing Committees.

The executive committee may establish such additional committees as are necessary and appropriate to carry out the business of the organization. Each committee shall have the duties and responsibilities delegated to it by the executive committee.

Section 9. Reports.

Each committee shall submit activity reports to the membership by reporting on a monthly basis to the RNA, booth at its regular monthly meetings and by a written article in the RNA newsletter.

ARTICLE IX. POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Section 1. Political Activity.

This organization shall not limit the right of any officer or member of the RNA to engage in any political activity as a private citizen. Neither the RNA, nor any of its members, shall in any way use organization funds in the furtherance of, nor engage in any political activity for or against, any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE X. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Section 1. Principal Office.

The principal office of the RNA (and the mailing address for same) shall be within the geographical boundaries of the RNA, as shall be determined by the executive committee.

ARTICLE XI. CONTRACTS

Section 1. Contracts.

The membership, by voting on proposals made by any officer or agent of the RNA, may authorize any officer or agent on behalf of the RNA to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the organization, such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

ARTICLE XII. CHECKS & PAYMENTS

Section 1. Checks & Payments.

All checks or money orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the organization shall be signed by two persons of the executive committee.

ARTICLE XIII. BOOKS & RECORDS

Section 1. Books & Records.

The RNA shall keep minutes of the proceedings of its membership meetings, the executive committee and special meetings of both. All books and minutes of the organization shall be available for inspection by any member at any reasonable time.

ARTICLE XIV. NON-DISCRIMINATION

Section 1. Non-discrimination.

This organization shall be an Equal Opportunity Employer as that term is defined by Federal law and regulation and shall make available it services, and open its membership to, applicants who comply with the terms of eligibility for membership in Article III, Section 1, without regard to race, creed, age, sex, color, ancestry, or national origin.

ARTICLE XV. BY-LAWS

Section 1. By-laws.

This organization shall also be governed by a set of rules called By-laws. While not an integral part of this

document, they will be affixed hereto and be equal in strength and weight of authority to this constitution, and shall be an independent instrument with regard to modification.

ARTICLE XVI. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Dissolution.

In the event of the dissolution of the RNA, no member shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property or proceeds. The balance of all monies received by the RNA from any source after the payment of all debts and obligations of the RNA shall be distributed to a local community organization chosen by membership vote after discussion. Such distribution shall only be made to such an organization as shall qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended.

ARTICLE XVII. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments.

This Constitution may be altered, amended, or repealed, and a new constitution adopted, by a two - thirds (2/3) majority vote of all of the members of the RNA. After an amendment has been proposed, it shall be published in the next two consecutive issues of the RNA newsletter. It shall not be voted upon until the second meeting after it is first proposed.

ARTICLE XVI. CONFLICT OF PROVISIONS

Section 1. Conflict of Provisions.

In case of any conflict in provisions between the Certificate of Incorporation and this Constitution, the provisions in the Certificate of Incorporation shall govern.

Certificate of Incorporation of the Riverview Neighborhood Association, Inc.

This is to Certify that the undersigned, do hereby associate themselves into a corporation under and by virtue of the provisions of an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled Title 15 of the Revised Statutes, and the several supplements thereto and acts amendatory thereof.

First: The name of this nonprofit corporation is :
Riverview Neighborhood Association, Inc. ("RNA").

Second: Said corporation is organized exclusively for the purpose of improving the quality of life in the Jersey City Heights community defined in ARTICLE FOURTH by renewing pride and promoting community awareness, and by revitalizing property values through the efforts of local residents, home, business and property owners and tenants and acting in concert with other neighborhood associations, the local business community and local government.

1. This purpose includes those charitable activities which will bring about combatting community deterioration, crime and juvenile delinquency within our community; monitoring and recommending reasonable development within our residential community; the development and maintenance of the two local Parks: Riverview-Fisk Park and Janet Moore Park; the preservation and maintenance of the Palisades cliffs, including the advancement of education and science with regard to Nature and ecology in our area; lessening neighborhood tensions; and trying to improve dangerous motor vehicle traffic patterns throughout our community.

2. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, officers, directors, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in PARAGRAPH ONE of ARTICLE SECOND hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on:

a. by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law), or

b. by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue law).

Third: Subject always to the provisions of ARTICLE SECOND, this corporation shall have the following powers:

1. To acquire, receive, purchase, take by gift, grant, devise, bequest, or otherwise, real, personal, and mixed property of every kind and description wheresoever the same may be situated, and without limit as to amount, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, money, lands, buildings, mortgages, shares, stocks, debentures, or other securities of any donor, bills, notes, claims, or any evidence of indebtedness and any interest in any property which may be necessary or convenient for the conduct of the corporation; to hold, reinvest, use, mortgage, pledge, sell, lease, assign, give, exchange, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the same at pleasure; to borrow money of any person, firm, or corporation and to issue notes or obligations of the corporation from time to time for any of the objects or purposes of the corporation and secure the same by lawful means; to enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of any kind or nature for any of the objects or purposes of the corporation without limit as to amount; and to have one or more offices to carry on all or any of the operations and the exercise of any of the powers of the corporation.

2. To do all and everything necessary, suitable, and proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any of the objects or the furtherance of any of the powers hereinbefore set forth and to the same extent as natural persons might or could

do, either alone or through the agency of other corporations, organizations, foundations, institutions, governmental bodies, or individuals, and to do every other act or acts, thing or things, incidental or appurtenant to or growing out of or connected with the aforesaid objects or purposes or any part of parts thereof, and to do all things not forbidden by the laws of the State of New Jersey and with all the powers conferred upon nonprofit corporations by the laws of the said State.

Fourth: The activities of this corporation will specifically regard combatting community deterioration, crime and juvenile delinquency within our community; monitoring and recommending reasonable development within our residential community; the development and maintenance of the two local Parks; the preservation and maintenance of the Palisade cliffs; lessening neighborhood tensions; and trying to improve dangerous motor vehicle traffic patterns throughout our community. This corporation hopes by doing so, it can improve the quality of life in this Jersey City Heights community. By so doing, this corporation will be serving, and will be automatically open to full membership by residents within the geographical boundaries of this Jersey City Heights community. The Riverview Neighborhood Association, Inc.'s boundaries are hereby defined as the area enclosed by the following streets:

Palisade Avenue to Paterson Plank Road from Ravine Road to Congress Street.

Fifth: The principle office of the corporation shall be located in the geographical boundaries of this Jersey City Heights community in the City of Jersey City, State of New Jersey.

Sixth: The Secretary of State is designated as agent of the corporation upon whom process against it may be served. The name and post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the corporation served it is:

Mr. Vito Brunetti, Ogden Avenue, Jersey City, New Jersey, 07307.

Seventh: The number of directors on the Board of Directors shall be not less than five nor more than eight, and shall consist of: the elected officers of the Riverview Neighborhood Association (the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and Sgt.-At-Arms), and up to three additional directors, not members of Riverview Neighborhood Association, to be appointed by agreement between the elected officers. These appointed directors are intended, in part, to provide representation for Liaisons from other related neighborhood groups. These directors can be removed from the Board of Directors by agreement between the elected officers of the Riverview Neighborhood Association.

Eighth: All directors of the Riverview Neighborhood Association must live full time in the geographical boundaries of the RNA, except for the three appointed directors.

Ninth: the name and addresses of the officers elected to hold office as directors for the first year period are:

1. Mr. Vito Brunetti, **Chairperson**
   Ogden Avenue
   Jersey City, N.J. 07307
2. Mr. Greg Brickey, **Vice-chairperson**
   Palisade Avenue
   Jersey City, N.J. 07307
3. Ms. Kathy Packard, **Secretary**
   Palisade Avenue
   Jersey City, N.J. 07307
4. Mr. Jack Rea, **Treasurer**
   Ogden Avenue
   Jersey City, N.J. 07307
5. Ms. Carol Rebelowski, **Sgt.-at Arms**
   Ogden Avenue
   Jersey City, N.J. 07307

Tenth: This corporation is to have perpetual existence.

Eleventh: The corporation shall have no capital stock.

Twelfth: The private property of the incorporators, members, officers, and directors of the corporation shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatsoever.

Thirteenth: The Constitution of the Riverview Neighborhood Association shall establish:

1. The conditions, terms, and qualifications for membership in the corporation;
2. The qualifications of elected officers, together with their terms of office, election, removal, change in number within the prescribed limits, filling of vacancies, and of newly created offices or chairs, powers, duties, and liabilities unless otherwise provided for or inconsistent with this Certificate of Incorporation or by the laws of the State of New Jersey.

Fourteenth: To amend, add, delete, or otherwise change any provision in the Certificate of Incorporation, a three-quarters (3/4) majority vote of the general membership at a regularly scheduled monthly meeting must approve. After an amendment has been proposed, it must be published in the Riverview Neighborhood Association's monthly newsletter for two consecutive months prior to the vote. It shall not be voted upon until the second meeting after it is first proposed. There must be at least ten (10) members present in order to take such a vote.

Fifteenth: To amend, add, delete or otherwise change any provision in the Constitution, a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the general membership at a regularly

scheduled monthly meeting must approve. After an amendment has been proposed, it must be published in the Riverview Neighborhood Association's monthly newsletter for two consecutive months prior to the vote. It shall not be voted upon until the second meeting after it is first proposed. There must be at least ten (10) members present in order to take such a vote.

Sixteenth: In case of any conflict in provisions between the Certificate of Incorporation and the Constitution, the provisions in the Certificate of Incorporation shall govern.

Seventeenth: Upon dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation, exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or such organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United State Internal Revenue law), as a vote of the general membership shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall come under jurisdiction of the Superior Court of Hudson County, which shall distribute them exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such charitable purposes.

Thanks for your Holiday Contributions

The Salvation Army would like to thank RNA for your contribution to our 1995 Christmas Effort. We are grateful for the individuals, agencies and schools who are willing to stand in the gap and provide a diversity of items such as: turkeys, canned goods, toys and monetary donations which consequently enabled us to serve the community at large. Your contributions resulted in 425 hot Thanksgiving dinners, 336 Holiday baskets and the distribution of 3151 Toys. Again, thank you and God Bless you for your service to the community.

Capt. Alberto Suarez,
Corps Commanding Officer

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

On December 22, 1995, a merry group of RNA members made up of Robert Boesch, Kathy Brennan, Doris Brown, Mr. & Mrs. C. Hollowell, Randy, Cindy and Katherine Sanford, Valerie Parzych, Jack Rea and Maria Tuzzo met at the Park gazebo to go Xmas caroling. we had a great time with plenty of laughs! We were greeted at the door by many neighbors with cookies and candy. Some of our other neighbors invited us in for drinks and goodies. I hope I didn't miss mentioning anyone else who came caroling with us. Hope to sing with you next year.

Jack Rea

HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

These were some of the magical moments at the annual holiday party that RNA members gave for the HVHC residents on November 17th. (Photos by Valerie Parzych; Montage by Russell Pratt).

Bulletin board

RNA Minutes:

December 12, 1995: The last RNA meeting of the year ended with a wonderful holiday party. But, first, the membership quickly approved several appropriation measures, including:

a) $85.00 for the annual bulk mail permit;
b) $100.00 for the next two month's newsletter mailing; and
c) $100.00 to be transferred to the Park account.

The official meeting was then closed and we spent the next two hours celebrating the holiday season and wishing everyone a healthy new year. Everyone brought a homemade holiday food or dessert treat. The group also made plans to go Xmas carolling on Friday, December 22rd.

January 9, 1996: The first RNA meeting of the new year was cancelled because of the winter blizzard which completely overwhelmed our neighborhood. We spent the next week digging ourselves out of our homes and streets.

Kathy Packard, Secretary

From Valerie's Kitchen:

Chocolate Snow Balls

(A Winter Treat Recipe from Joan Lunden, Co-host of Good Morning, America)

INGREDIENTS:

2/3 cup of sugar
1 1/4 cups of softened butter
1 teaspoon of vanilla
2 cups of chopped pecans
2 cups of flour
1/2 cup of cocoa
1/2 teaspoon of salt
powdered sugar

1) Cream sugar, butter and vanilla.
2) Sift flour, coca and salt together and add to butter mixture.
3) Stir in pecans.
4) Refrigerate for six hours.
5) Roll into one-inch balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet, about 1/2 inch apart.
6) Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees.
7) Roll finished balls in powdered sugar.

FEBRUARY

February is a month of Love,
President's Day, Valentine's Day,
All hearts, flowers, and candy!
Happy Valentine's Day to all!

Madeline Rea

POLICEBEAT

Residents can contact **Community Service Police Officers Joseph Sarao and Jaclyn Baljko** if they have a problem, a safety concern or knowledge of criminal activity at **547-5350** (to leave a message for them at the North District station's frontdesk). In emergencies, Officer Sarao can also be reached by dialing his beeper number: **517-2379**. When leaving a message, include your name, telephone number, street address, the nature of the problem and a date and time of the message. All calls will be kept confidential.

On the following page, is a **Community Service Survey** form distributed by the North District Police Department. The purpose of the form is to alert the police to particular chronic problems in our neighborhood, such as disorderly groups, loud music, parking complaints, animal complaints, drug activity, abandoned buildings, abandoned vehicles and noise complaints. Please fill the form out and mail it to the North District at 282 Central Avenue. (You can remain anonymous.)

A GOOD THING: If anyone has any free time that they would like to spend in a charitable way, they should consider volunteering at the Harbor View Health Care Center. Sometimes just a short visit, a conversation or a game with one of the residents, can fill their sometimes lonely days.

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR NEWSLETTER

Drop off articles, comments or recipes in the mailbox, attached to the gate, at 232 Ogden Ave. Mark the envelope, "RNA NEWSLETTER." The next deadline is **Friday, February 24, 1995.**

Art Exhibition

If any local artists would like to advertise their upcoming shows or exhibitions, please submit the information at least one month in advance to RNA for publication in our newsletter.

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SEE YOU AT OUR NEXT MEETING ON FEBRUARY 13th at 7:00 PM at the HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER.

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Problems/Concerns:

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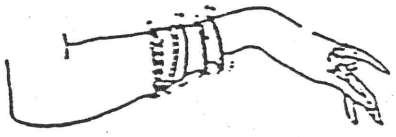

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MEET TWO NEW RNA "MEMBERS"

These two snowmen were built by Elliott and Joseph Pratt (with a little help from their father, Russell) during the January blizzard.